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1. DURING MY CALL ON DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND APRIL 18, I READ TO HIM PARA 7 OF TEHRAN'S 3260 WHICH REPORTED ON A STATEMENT HE HAD MADE DURING THE PERSEPOLISH CONFERENCE. HE DID NOT DENY ACCURACY OF REPORT REFTEL BUT GAVE ME A COPY OF HIS RECORD OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE HE HELD ON APRIL 11. I HAD EARLIER REQUESTED ASSISTANT DG FISCHER FOR TRANSCRIPT OF DR. EKLUND'S REMARKS WHICH ARE TEXTUALLY REPEATED BELOW. BRAKCETED PORTION, HOWEVER, WAS NOT CONTAINED IN RESUME WHICH WAS HANDED TO ME BY DR. EKLUND.

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2. QUOTE DR. EKLUND SAID IN RESPONE TO ENQUIRIES THAT UP TO NOW HE HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT. HE HAD ONLY SEEN A PRESS RELEASE ON THE SUBJECT. THE POLICY POSITION REPORTED CONCERNED DOMESTIC PROGRAMMES IN THE UNITED STATES. IF THIS DOMESTIC POLICY, HOWEVER, WERE ALSO APPLIED ABROAD, IT COULD HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

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3. QUOTE DR. EKLUND REFERRED TO THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN 1975 AT WHICH YUGOSLAVIA EXPRESSED MUCH DISSATISFACTION ABOUT THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING ARTICLES V AND VI OF THE NPT, AND DR. EKLUND ALSO REFERRED TO A STATEMENT BY A YUGOSLAV PARTICIPANT IN THE PERSEPOLIS CONFERENCE WHO HAD SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT RECONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN NPT AS HAD BEEN INDICATED AT THE 1975 CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. BEGIN BRACKETS IN DR. EKLUND'S VIEW, ANY ENDEAVOUR TO DENY ACCESS TO PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY - E.G., TO PREVENT THE CLOSING OF THE FUEL CYCLE - COULD BE REGARDED BY NPT COUNTRIES AS BEING CONTRARY TO ARTICLE IV OF THE NPT.

4. QUOTE THUS, END BRACKETS - IF THE U.S. DOMESTIC POLICY WERE TO BECOME ALSO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, DR. EKLUND EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A SERIOUS REACTION FROM IAEA MEMBER STATES AND NPT PARTIES WHICH COULD DISRUPT THE ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE THAT HAD BEEN BUILT UP DURING THE LAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS. END QUOTE.

5. AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE ON APRIL 14, DR. EKLUND WAS INVITED TO BE THE INITIAL SPEAKER AND MADE THE FOLLIWNG STATEMENT:

6. QUOTE WHAT AN INTERESTING WEEK IT HAS BEEN AND HOW MUCH WE HAVE ENJOYED THE WARM AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY SHOWN US IN THESE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDGINS* THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN ANALYZED IN DEPTH. OUR ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THE VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TRANSFER OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND WE HAVE IN VAROUS WAYS BEEN REMINDED THAT KNOWLEDGE GIVEN AWAY CANNOT BE TAKEN BACK.

7. QUOTE ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT WHICH HAS REPEATEDLY COME UNDER CONSIDERATION IS THE MOST LAUDABLE AND LEGITIMATE CONCERN OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO AVOID A PROLIFER-ATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY.

8. QUOTE THE ORGANIZATION I SERVE, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, IS BY ITS STATUTE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, RESPONSIBLE FOR A SAFEGUARD SYSTEM WHICH NOW HAS BEEN OPERATIONAL FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. AS A RESULT OF TEDIUOUS AND PATIENT WORK OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS, AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST HAS BEEN CREATED IN WHICH A LARGE NUMBER OF STATES HAVE GIVEN UP SOME OF THEIR SOVEREIGHNTY IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARD SYSTEM AND IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO, AND I QUOTE FROM

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ARTICLE IV OF THE NPT: "THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL THE
PARTIES TO THE TREATY TO DEVELOP RESEARCH, PRODUCTION

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AND USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WITHOUT
DISCRIMINATION". THESE PARTIES HAVE ALSO AGREED, AND I
QUOTE AGAIN: "TO CO-OPERATE IN CONTRIBUTING ALONE OR
TOGETHER WITH OTHER STATES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR
ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE TERRITORIES
OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES PARTY TO THE TREATY, WITH DUE
CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING AREAS OF THE
WORLD".

9. QUOTE IF THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY INCREASES

THE RISK OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, LET US THEN
FIRST OF ALL STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING SAFEGUARD SYSTEM BY
ACCELERATING THE CONTINOUUS PROCESS OF IMPROVING IT BASED
ON EXPERIENCE GAINED. ALTHOUGH COUNTRIES TO BE SAFEGUARDED
DO NOT LOVE SAFEGUARDS, I AM CONVINCED THAT IN THEIR OWN
INTEREST AND IN THE INTEREST OF MANKIND THEY WILL ALSO BE
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WILLING TO ACCEPT A MORE ELABORATE SYSTEM FOR EARLY DETECTION OF DIVERSION OF SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL. COMPARED WITH THE TROUBLE WE ALL TAKE AT AIRPORTS TO AVOID TERRORIST ACTIONS, I WOULD PERSONALLY BE MUCH MORE CONVINCED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF SUCH A LINE OF ACTION THAN ON A PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD BE FELT AS HAVING A DISCRIMINATORY CHARACTER. THE TECHNO-LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT WILL GO ON; KNOWLEDGE ONCE GIVEN AWAY CANNOT BE TAKEN BACK; I REPEAT THAT. A STRICTER SAFEGUARD SYSTEM CAN BE MADE MORE ATTRACTIVE BY AN INCREASED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME.

10. QUOTE MR. CHAIRMAN, PLEASE ALLOW ME NOW TO ADDRESS MYSELF TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN, DR. ETEMAD, AND HIS COLLABORATORS, ESPECIALLY THE PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN, DR. SARRAM, AND DR. TAHERADEH. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO DR. ETEMAD THE AGENCY'S THANKS FOR HAVING BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE AND TO OFFER BOTH ON BEHALF OF THE AGENCY AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR A MOST SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. ANY FINALLY, I VERY MUCH HOPE TO BE ABLE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE IAEA'S CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR POWER AND ITS FUEL CYCLE STARTING THE SECOND OF MAY IN SALZBURG. END QUOTE. STONE

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